

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
MARCH 5, 2014

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Chair Martin C. Nager, DMD
Robert E. Bartro, DDS, Vice Chair Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed
Donald C. Williams, Secretary Robert Ricci, Ph.D
Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS
Craig VanDongen, DDS
Maureen Ross, RDH, BS
Thomas Bertrand, MPH
Russell Chin, DDS
Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA
Maryellen Simas, RDH
Stephen J. Puerini, DMD
Caroline Danish, DDS

Staff Members in Attendance: Others in Attendance:

Amy Coleman, JD Gwen Dominick, RIDA
James McDonald, MD Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA
Linda Phillips Valerie G. Celantano, RIDA
Linda Esposito Patrick Quinlan, JD

Establishment of Quorum:

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Dr. Robert Bartro and seconded by Ms. Maureen Ross to accept the OPEN Minutes of February 5, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Administrative Issues:

Announcements:

Ms. Marie Jones-Bridges of RIDHA provided all Board Members with copies of the proposed Public Health Dental Hygienist Bill S2507.

Communications:

2014 National Dental Examiners' Advisory Forum

Dr. Robert Bartro will be attending this meeting in Chicago.

ADEX Meeting (written) – November 2013 (Dr. Chin)

Dr. Russell Chin provided copies of his report to the Board Members regarding his attendance at this meeting.

Issued Licenses:

The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Dr. Russell Chin and seconded by Dr. Craig VanDongen to approve the list of licensees. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Subcommittee Progress Reports were presented as follows:

Regulation Review – Mr. Donald Williams

Mr. Donald Williams did not have a report to present today, but requested an update from the Department on the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations

Continuing Education – Dr. Martin Nager

Dr. Martin Nager was not present but did provide a written report. There was some discussion regarding OSHA and Infection Control Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists, and the possibility that RIDA could put together a bulleted list for distribution.

Botox/Anesthesia Guidelines – Dr. Joseph Samartano

Dr. Samartano did not provide a report today. However, he stated he brought comments back to the Subcommittee from the December 4, 2013 full Board meeting and that the Subcommittee members decided not to accept those recommendations. Dr. Samartano stated that the Subcommittees' original recommendations as presented at the December 4, 2013 full Board meeting stand, and that he had submitted those recommendations to Attorney Amy Coleman and Dr. Martin Nager at the time of that Board meeting.

New Business:

“Letter of Concern” Discussion – Dr. Robert Bartro

Dr. Robert Bartro questioned the meaning and informational value of a “Letter of Concern” that might be issued by the Board and whether it constitutes disciplinary action. It was explained that a “Letter of Concern” is not viewed by the Department as disciplinary action, is not listed on the disciplinary website as public information, and is not disclosed when providing license verification information to other

states for a licensee.

Litigation information:

Attorney Patrick Quinlan, RIDA, advised the Board that the Dental Board and all named individuals have been dropped from the RI Dental Association's lawsuit. The lawsuit is now only being continued against the RI Department of Health.

Public Comment (Topic Specific to Today's Meeting):

Valerie Celentano, RIDA, asked if RIDA provided a 3 hour OSHA course, if that would cover the OSHA and Infection Control requirement. The Board responded that it would depend on the make up of the course.

Adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session:

Motion was made by Ms. Kerri Friel and seconded by Dr. Craig VanDongen to adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN Meeting

-and-

Pursuant to Section 42-46-5(2) of the RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Return to OPEN Session:

Motion was made by Ms. Maureen Ross and seconded by Dr. Craig VanDongen to seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session pursuant to Section 42-46(1) and (2) of the RI General Laws. Motion carried.

Final Actions:

**C12-DEN037 James Royer No RI License for 5 years, plus
administrative fee**

Motion was made by Ms. Maureen Ross and seconded by Mr. Donald Williams to ratify the Consent Order, as amended to reflect the correct administrative fee amount.

C12-DEN019 Caroline Forcier Reprimand plus administrative fee

Motion was made by Ms. Kerri Friel and seconded by Dr. Craig

VanDongen to ratify the Consent Order as written.

Adjourn:

The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. Motion was made by Ms. Kerri Friel and seconded by Dr. Craig VanDongen to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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